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LEARN FRENCH WITH Astérix®

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Disk Two

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Education
For All Ages

LEARN FRENCH WITH Astérix®

Learn French while you follow the exciting adventures of Asterix, the small but prodigiously brave warrior of Gaul, who draws his strength from a certain magic potion.

Meet Obelix the menhir carrier and his dog Idefix, Abraracourcix the village chief and Bonemine his wife, Panoramix the druid, and other Gaulish villagers. And make the acquaintance of an assorted collection of Romans, some of them very important people.

In this two-disc programme Asterix, more comfortable skirmishing with Romans than changing nappies, finds himself adopted by a very special baby. Find out how he copes!

WHAT'S IN THE PROGRAMME?

Discs One and Two together give you:

- almost 60 minutes of spoken French, from over thirty different characters.
- over 400 cartoon drawings in full colour.
- a complete English translation of the story in text.
- teaching notes for each caption, explaining vocabulary and grammatical points, and giving further related examples.

With all the different options on offer, each disc can provide you with over 15 hours of study!

WHO'S IT FOR?

For everyone! Whether you're fifteen or fifty... whether you're an enthusiastic beginner, or dusting down your old school French, or already strong in the language... whether you're studying on your own or taking classes ... this programme has something to offer.

- Listen to an entertaining story told in modern, colloquial French, and in a variety of voices.
- Enjoy the detail of Asterix's world, through Uderzo's wry and witty cartoons.
- Be introduced to, or reminded of, over 1500 vocabulary items.
- Explore an easy-to-use flexible learning programme that's completely under your own control.

WHY LEARN WITH ASTERIX?

Who better to learn French with? The diminutive warrior has become an institution, his adventures read by millions of people in over 20 languages.

But there are other compelling reasons. Research into the learning process has proved that...

- you learn more readily, with less effort, when you're enjoying yourself.
- you are more likely to remember words and phrases met in an interesting context.
- a combination of sound, text and image is a powerful aid to long-term memory retention.
- retention also improves when learning is spread over several sessions, with frequent revision.

In this Asterix adventure each French word and phrase is not only spoken and written, but also associated with a picture. You can prove for yourself how that helps the learning process!

The teaching notes build on the visual content, and extend your learning, by providing additional related vocabulary items.

The built-in flexibility of the programme also helps you learn.

You can work through each disc in as many sessions as you wish ... move around in it as you like ... pick up where you left off last time ... or review what you've covered already.

THE PROGRAMME SECTIONS

Discs One and Two each have the following sections. You can access them at the touch of a button, in any order you choose...

- **ÉCOUTER.** Here the story is told through sound and pictures only ... no text!
- **LIRE.** Follow the story through the cartoons and their captions... no sound this time.
- **L'HISTOIRE INTERACTIVE.** Here the story is under your control. You can choose from several different options...

  - listen, with pictures but no text. Replay each segment of conversation as often as you wish, and move forward and back as you wish.

  - call up the French caption for each cartoon. Listen again, as often as you wish, while you read it.

  - look up the teaching notes for each caption, if you feel you need help.

  - look up the full English translation of what you've heard and read.

- **S'ENREGISTRER** (available on hardware with recording facility only). This is where you can practice speaking French. Listen to one of 70 sentences selected from the story, and record yourself while you repeat it. Compare your recording with the original. Practice makes perfect!
- **L'INTRODUCTION.** A background briefing in French on the world of Asterix. You select the characters, they introduce themselves!
- **L'INTERVIEW.** Question Asterix and his inseparable friend Obelix, and find out what makes them tick.

HOW TO USE THE PROGRAMME

The programme is highly flexible. You can use it in the way that suits you best. But we suggest these guidelines.

L'HISTOIRE INTERACTIVE

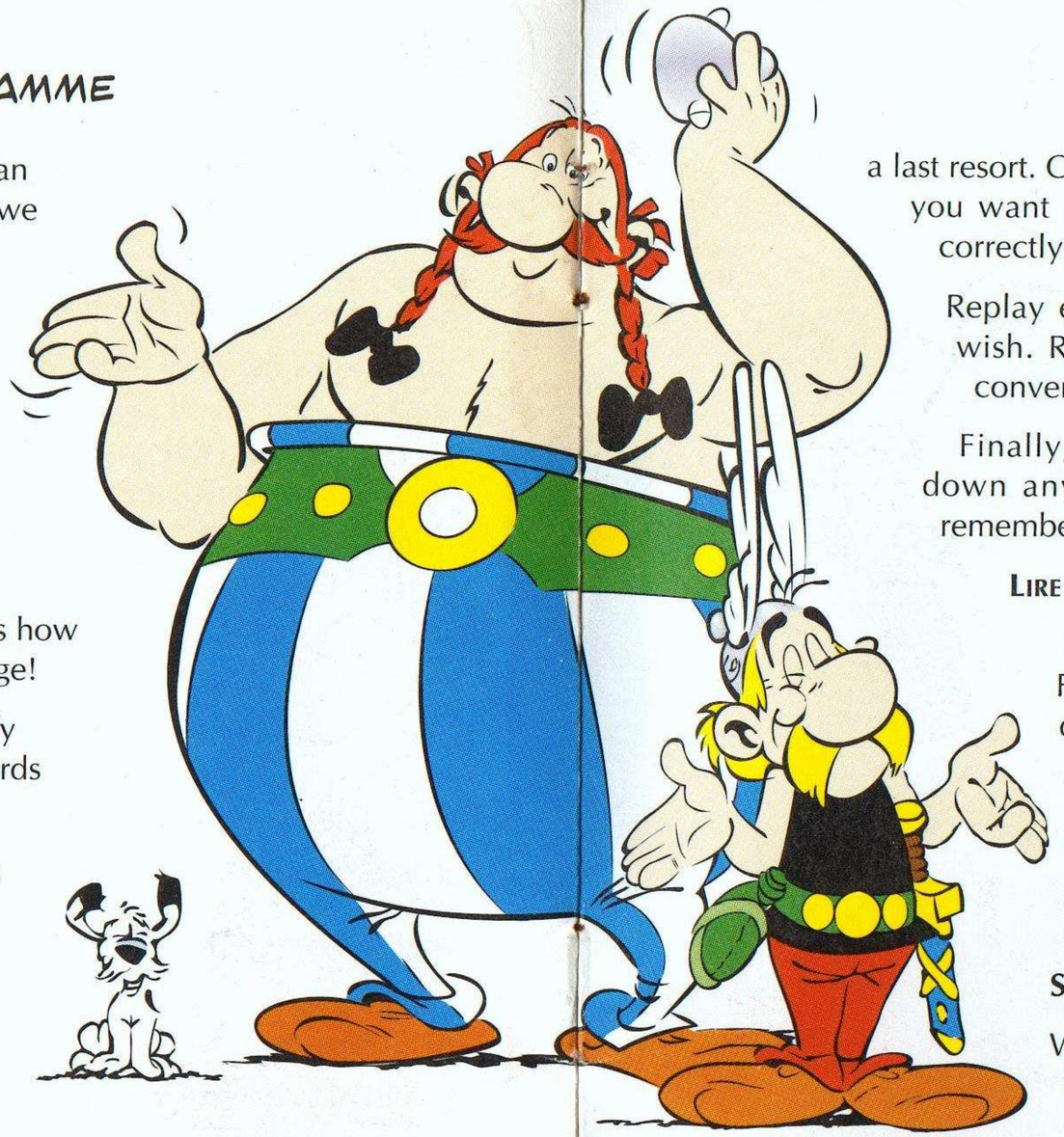
Don't try to do too much at one sitting. We recommend sessions of 30-45 minutes.

Concentrate on listening! Even if you don't understand everything you hear, your ear will pick up the rhythms and intonation of good spoken French. That's how you learned to speak your native language!

Call up the French text to help you clarify what you've heard, and identify new words and expressions.

Use the teaching notes if you need just a little help in understanding what you've heard and read. Or if you'd like further related vocabulary and grammatical examples.

Use the English translation only as a last resort. Call it up when you need a lot of help ... or when you want to confirm that you've understood everything correctly.



Replay each segment of conversation as often as you wish. Repeating it aloud will help your own French conversation!

Finally, as you work through the programme, note down any new words and expressions you'd like to remember. This also helps the learning process.

LIRE

Use this to test your understanding of written French. You'll probably find it useful to have a dictionary handy!

ÉCOUTER

Use this when you want to practice your listening skills with some uninterrupted listening.

S'ENREGISTRER

Where this section is available, you can use it to practice your spoken French, and assess how you're doing by comparing it with a model.